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September 26, 2007

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Philip L. Browning, Director

SUBJECT: **GEARS AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

This is to advise your Board of our intent to extend the GAIN Employment Activity and Reporting System (GEARS) Agreement with Electronic Data Systems (EDS) Corporation. The GEARS Agreement, which is currently scheduled to terminate November 30, 2007, permits the DPSS Director to extend the term for up to two additional 6-month periods. At this time, we intend to exercise the first 6-month option period, extending the GEARS Agreement through May 31, 2008.

GEARS is the existing system that supports and automates the County's case management and administration of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Welfare-to-Work (WtW) program. The extension period will enable the County to continue operation and maintenance of GEARS while DPSS proceeds with the competitive procurement process for a new contract.

We will keep your Board informed of our progress in this matter.

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